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Attorney Docket No.: 99CON103P-DIV1

## AMENDMENT COVER SHEET

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Abdul-Ridha, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/761,489 FILED: January 16, 2001

FOR: Improved Structures Based on Ceramic Tantalum Nitride

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a paper in the above-identified application. Any necessary extension of time period set for this paper is hereby requested.

☐ No additional fee is required.

☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ EXTENSION FEE

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SECOND MONTH AFTER TIME PERIOD SET	400.00	200.00	\$
THIRD MONTH AFTER TIME PERIOD SET	920.00	460.00	\$
FOURTH MONTH AFTER TIME PERIOD SET	1,440.00	720.00	\$

☒ TOTAL EXTENSION FEE \$ 110.00

☐ FEE FOR EXTRA CLAIMS added by Amendment in this response:

	Column 1 Number of Claims after Amendment	Column 2 Number Previously Paid for	Column 3 Number of Extra Claims	RATE Non-Small Entity	RATE Small Entity	FEE
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First presentation of multiple dependent claim				+ 280	+ 140	\$

TOTAL FEE FOR EXTRA CLAIMS \$ 0.00

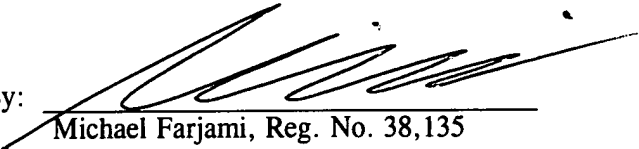
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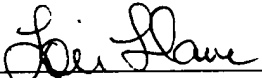
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002 in the above-  
referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.

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